

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the second paragraph on page 2 (lines 4-8) of the specification to read as follows:

This object is accomplished in accordance with the invention, in a control device of the type described at the outset, in that the sliding contacts are combined to form at least two control groups, that the sliding contacts are combined within each control group to form ~~shunt-fed~~ pairs of sliding contacts and that each of the control groups has its own load branch associated with it.

Amend the second paragraph on page 15 (lines 8-11) of the specification to read as follows:

Not only the switch S1 but also the switch S2 of the first load branch 20 and the second load branch 50, respectively, can be activated with control signals S1A and S2A, respectively, which are modulated as to pulse width and can be generated by a modulation stage ~~MS 17~~.

Amend the first paragraph on page 20 (lines 1-4) of the specification to read as follows:

The electronic switch S1 can be controlled, in addition, by means of the control signal S1A which is modulated as to pulse width and is generated by a modulation stage ~~MS 17~~ in accordance with the power of the motor MO required and with a predetermined cycle time TZ.

Amend the third paragraph on page 23 (lines 10-13) of the specification to read as follows:

Furthermore, the electronic switch S2 can be controlled by the modulation stage ~~MS 17'~~ by means of the control signal S2A modulated as to pulse width, wherein the control signal S2A preferably has the same cycle time TZ as the control signal S1A.

Amend the second paragraph on page 27 (lines 8-9) of the specification to read as follows:

The modulation stages ~~MS 17, 17'~~ preferably operate such that their cycle time TZ is identical.

Amend the Abstract on page 38 of the specification to read as follows:

In order to design as inexpensively as possible a control device for DC motors which are provided with a commutator for feeding their motor windings which has at least four sliding contacts, this device comprising a modulation stage which generates at least one control signal modulated as to pulse width with a clock frequency substantially above the motor speed and a control circuit which is controlled by the at least one control signal and has at least one load branch which feeds the commutator and is provided with an electronic switch controlled by the control signal modulated as to pulse width, it is suggested that the sliding contacts be combined to form at least two control groups, that the sliding contacts be combined within each control group to form shunt fed pairs of sliding contacts and that each control group have its own load branch associated with it.